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Supreme Court upholds right to publication bans on bail hearings

LAW The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld a defendant's right to have an automatic publication ban on evidence at their bail hearing.

In an 8-1 decision, the high court dismissed appeals brought by the Associated Press, the CBC, the Toronto Star and the Edmonton Journal that argued judges should decide whether evidence presented at a bail hearing should be temporarily banned from publication.

The ruling upholds a Criminal Code provision that makes a publication ban at a bail hearing mandatory if an accused person requests one.

Writing for the majority, Justice Marie Deschamps said the beneficial effects of bail-hearing publication bans outweigh the negatives.

The bans "avert the disclosure of untested prejudicial information; in other words, to guarantee as much as possible trial fairness and fair access to bail," she wrote. "Although not a perfect outcome, the mandatory ban represents a reasonable compromise."

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World Cup **Soccer's biggest stars face off**

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Clockwise from top left: Argentina's Lionel Messi, Spain's Fernando Torres, Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and England's Wayne Rooney are all gearing up for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, beginning Friday in South Africa. **Check out Metro's guide to the world's biggest soccer tournament on pages 27 and 28.**

Lansdowne redesigned

Winning design may be altered, but it won't be 'any less potent'

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Removing two key characteristics — a foot bridge over the Rideau Canal and an artificial reversible island — won't make the winning Lansdowne Park design "any less potent," the chief designer said yesterday.

The challenge now is to reincorporate the intentions of those elements — designed to capture imaginations — into the design, Greg Smallenberg said at city hall Thursday.

"We think that's important, that community should be linked to important green spaces," he said.

With respect to the island, "that was put there as a provocative idea ... We weren't being disrespectful to Parks Canada, but what we were saying is that you've got this amazing water course that runs through the city of Ottawa ... but there is a handful of places you can get down to the canal."

As for merging the urban park design with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group's retail component, "there is enormous potential to fuse these two initiatives at the hip and make them better than either one of them could be alone."

"What we want to do is generate as much interest, activity (and) interaction as possible within this park space."

The big idea here is to create the commons, said Smallenberg. "But there are a number of very intimate spaces within this park."

The two teams, along with the design review panel, will meet soon to begin a process of integration, said Coun. Peter Hume.

"The park is a great thing for Ottawa," said Smallenberg. "So we will come at our discussions and our collaborations with the OSEG group with that spirit in mind.

"We want to develop something in Ottawa that's beyond anybody's imagination."

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Reports agree: Public-private partnership not best for Ottawa

STUDIES The lack of other options and a skewed repayment formula make the Lansdowne Partnership Proposal a bad deal for Ottawa residents, say the authors of two academic reports released at the annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association.

The first, by political science PhD candidates at the University of Ottawa, examines the nature of the public-private partnership in this deal.

Good governance dictates before entering into a PPP arrangement, government should first do a cost comparison to determine if working with the private sector would be more affordable than going alone, said co-author Pierre-Andre Hudon. The only option the city presented was doing a PPP with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group.

The other report, produced by three professors at Carleton University's School of Public Policy and Administration, looked at how city government managed the development process.

There should have been a consultation on the general direction of Lansdowne Park at the start of the process, as opposed to a pseudo-public consultation that collected reactions to a single unsolicited bid, said co-author and Carleton Prof. Robert Hilton.

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Organics plant celebrates grand opening

WASTE Orgaworld celebrated the grand opening of Ottawa's new source separated organics plant Thursday.

The facility is able to receive and process up to 100,000 tonnes of organics annually in its 150,000-square-foot, fully enclosed, negative pressure, atmospheric controlled building with a state-of-the-art air treatment system.

The city launched its organics program in January.

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'Changing face of cancer care'

New centre to offer emotional support for people with disease

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When Behnaz Bahrami was diagnosed with cancer in December 2008, the treatment she received at the Ottawa Hospital's cancer centre was "excellent," she said. "I can't say enough about it."

Although she had good support at home and joined a support group, a facility with programs that would have provided her with emotional support, counselling and advice on proper diet and exercise during treatment would have been beneficial, she said.

The Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation broke ground on a new facility that will fill those gaps in cancer care Thursday.

"I've waited for this day for four years," said foundation president and CEO Linda Eagen at the launch of the Wellspring Ottawa-Maplesoft Cancer Survivorship Centre. "We are changing the face of cancer care across eastern Ontario. We are going to help people live and live well with cancer."

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Laureen Harper, Maplesoft Group president and CEO Jody Campeau, Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation president and CEO Linda Eagen, the foundation's chair of the board of directors Guy Legault and Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Bob Chiarelli, left to right, break ground Thursday on the new Wellspring Ottawa-Maplesoft Cancer Survivorship Centre.

Located next to the Cancer Survivors Park, the region's first centre for cancer survivorship "when complete, will resemble a house that will provide free-of-charge resources to cancer patients, things like counselling, educational resources, training for cancer patients and advanced medical treatment," said Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre.

The centre will also include a fitness centre, said Eagen.

"I suffered the experience of losing a spouse," said Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Bob Chiarelli.

"What we went through was what a lot of people went through — diagnosis, treatment, chemotherapy, surgery, radiation — but one thing that was missing that is being provided for at the ... Wellspring Centre is the non-physical.

"It's what we need to do for people who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families to be able to tap into their courage, their emotions and psychological well-being to meet the challenge," he said.

Shatner beams into salmon issue, wants fish to live long, prosper

CONSERVATION The Canadian actor best known for his role as Capt. James T. Kirk in the Star Trek TV series wore another hat Thursday — that of a wild salmon activist.

William Shatner has joined efforts to protect the West Coast's wild salmon from potential sea lice.

"I'm here because of my deep concern, not only for British Columbia and wildlife, but for wildlife all over the world," said Shatner, who beamed in by telephone to a press conference held at Ottawa's National Press Theatre Thursday.

"It is our duty as citizens of Canada to harness our resources and keep them whole and keep them from being desecrated," Shatner said.

The actor was joined by New Democrat MP Fin Donnelly, who has introduced a private member's bill that would require fish farms to move from B.C.'s coast to closed containment systems on land.

"Something must be done," said Shatner, who said he was angered by the damage companies are inflicting.

"As a father and grandfather, I wish for my offspring to see the same things I did," he said.

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Funding a struggle for community housing

PROJECTS In the seven years that Lilianne Heroux has been living in her apartment at 415 MacLaren St., she's never seen the kind of renovations that are going into the building now.

In mid-May, work began on a $2.5-million project to replace all the windows in the Ottawa Community Housing-run 23-storey tower.

"It's going to be a lot better than what we have right now. Some of the windows don't seal properly and water gets in when it rains," she said.

Last year, OCH spent $800,000 to replace all the balconies in the building.

This project is one of dozens of projects worth $110 million that OCH was able to do over the past couple of years with stimulus funding, borrowed money and its own reserve funds. However, in order to maintain its $2 billion worth of housing stock, OCH still needs $305 million over the next five years, said CEO Jo-Anne Poirier.

Poirier said they are speaking to all levels of government about sustainable long-term funding.

Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi said the provincial government will release its own 10-year, long-term affordable housing strategy, which should contain some kind of commitment to allow groups like OCH a better opportunity to plan maintenance.

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Pop art sign of times

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Decades from now, Miley Cyrus or Justin Bieber may be seen as artistic visionaries whose cultural impact is studied by academics.

Then again, they could just disappear and become embarrassing reminders of people getting caught up in the zeitgeist of the moment.

That is the nature of pop art. For the most part, it is disposable. Its creators thrive for the 15 minutes that patron saint Andy Warhol has allotted to them, then they start the ignoble descent into parody, oblivion and then nostalgic rebirth.

So what better place for MuchMusic VJ Sarah Taylor to promote the Much Music Video Awards, than the National Gallery of Canada's new Pop Life exhibit among the bright and glowing works of Warhol, Keith Haring, Takashi Murakami and others.

The pop art exhibit displays the work of some amazing contemporary artists. The exhibit showcases some great pop artists of the past — like Warhol's Grace Jones and Mick Jagger pieces.

"They were icons," said Taylor. "The MMVAs on June 20 are going to have some great pop icons of right now — Drake, Justin Bieber, and Adam Lambert. Their faces will be in these exhibits some day."

MuchMusic's annual street party awards show is being hosted by Bieber and Cyrus.

The Pop Life exhibit opened to the public on Friday and runs until Sept. 19.

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MuchMusic VJ Sarah Taylor strikes a pose in Keith Haring's Pop Shop installation during a tour of the Pop Life: Art in a Material World exhibit, which officially opened at the National Gallery of Canada Friday.

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Leamy Lake Beach will be open to users beginning Friday. Until Sept. 6, lifeguards will be on site from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Visitors will also have access to facilities including change rooms, barbecues and picnic tables. METRO OTTAWA

A growing (car)pool

Vrtucar, Quebec car share program strike deal

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Sustainable transportation has just gone cross-border.

Ottawa's Vrtucar and Communauto, one of the largest car sharing services in the world, announced a new agreement Thursday that will allow Ottawa members to access vehicles in Quebec, and vice-versa.

This allows car share members in Ottawa to use more than 1,000 additional cars at 330 stations in Gatineau, Montreal, Sherbrooke and Quebec City.

That widens the pool to 1,200 vehicles in Ottawa and Quebec available to users of both programs, said Vrtucar president Wilson Wood.

The agreement "gives our members another reason not to own and operate a car in Ottawa," Wood said. "This is taking car sharing to the next level."

People who use a shared car at home can now continue their green transportation habits away from home, said Wood.

"If someone lives in Ottawa and works in Gatineau, and they have to do something during the work day, they can still bike to work and use Vrtucar for their trip," said Wood.

Vrtucar is also working with Via Rail to get a discount for Vrtucar users.

Vrtucar started 10 years ago as the country's fourth car share service. It is now one of about a dozen services.

"We're looking to revolutionize transportation," Wood said. "This is going to change the way people do transportation."

City hall **Italian Week**

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

The Ottawa Fire Department band helps kick off Italian Week at city hall Thursday. The festival is a celebration of the Italian culture spanning arts, music, sports and cuisine. It runs through June 20 and features a boat cruise and the Ferrari Festival.

Canada an economic role model, ex-British PM tells the world
Former British prime minister John Major says Canada should be used as a role model as countries restructure their finances. Major told an international economic forum in Montreal the efforts of then-prime minister Jean Chrétien and his finance minister Paul Martin are good examples to follow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Online option for voters?
Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand, left, says voters should be able to register online — an attractive option for younger voters. This is one of 55 recommendations Mayrand makes in a report on lessons learned in the wake of the last election.
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HST cheques carry message from Dalton

The Liberal government is defending a controversial decision to slap a partisan political message from Premier Dalton McGuinty on HST cheques now being distributed across Ontario.

"I think it's really appropriate that if people are going to receive money from the government that they know what it is and what it's for," Revenue Minister John Wilkinson said Thursday.

"This is, of course, transitional money so people will receive it over the next 12 months — they're going to receive it three times ...," said Wilkinson.

"So that's why it's important for us to have a message — just so people understand it's a transition."

The cheques are emblazoned with a message from McGuinty.

"Ontario's tax changes will help create 591,000 more jobs, cut personal income taxes and make our province more attractive for new business investment," the premier writes.

McGuinty's note alludes to the fact the July 1 harmonization of the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent federal GST will increase levies on gasoline, home heating fuels, and tobacco.

> **"Ontario's tax changes will help create 591,000 jobs."**
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"To help you through this transition, you are receiving the Sales Tax Transition Benefit, with payments delivered in June 2010, December 2010 and June 2011. This is in addition to personal income tax cuts."

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Kandahar **Canada has $50-million project in its sights**

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A Canadian soldier uses his rifle sights to survey the Arghandab River as it flows toward the Dahla dam, 35 kilometres northeast of Kandahar. Canada is spending $50 million to refurbish the 57-year-old dam and irrigation system, left in ruins after nearly 30 years of conflict in the region. Canada's signature project in Afghanistan finally shifted from the planning stage to shovels in the ground a few months ago, but remains fraught with problems.

Feds to spend $5M on oil spills

ENVIRONMENT As thousands of oil spills gurgle into Canadian waters annually, the federal government is preparing to spend up to $5 million over the next three years to clean up some of the mess.

Environment Canada estimates that a dozen oil spills — of about 4,000 litres each — are reported every day in the country.

That's more than 17.5 million litres of oil a year that flow into Canada's marine ecosystems.

The government is seeking contractors to respond to spills in Quebec's coastal waters and in some of its rivers, including the high-traffic shipping artery in the St. Lawrence.

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He shoots, he scores ... he's playing hooky

Absenteeism may soar for World Cup

Jeff Cooper is one of the lucky ones.

As head of marketing for Adidas Canada, one of six global sponsors of the FIFA World Cup, he's expected to watch at least part of the games while at work.

"The games are on all the TVs in the offices and in the conference room and the cafeteria," Cooper said. "We encourage people to come down on their breaks or at lunch to watch the games."

But for many other soccer fans, it's going to be tricky catching the games live during the work day — especially if you work in emergency services such as policing or health care.

Studies show absenteeism soars during events such as the Olympics and World Cup.

In this year's host country, South Africa, the event is expected to cost employers $100 million Cdn in lost productivity. No similar data is available for Canada.

So what are the options?

Some may resort to calling in sick while others may try to secretly watch the games on their desktop computers, a trend dubbed "virtual absenteeism."

And while you can get fired for playing hooky from work, most employers will be lenient during special events, legal and employee experts say.

> **"We encourage people ... to watch the games."**
> Jeff Cooper, Adidas Canada

Enlightened employers see major events, like the FIFA World Cup, as an opportunity to build morale by giving their staff a "little leeway," said Karen Seward, executive vice-president of business development and marketing at employee benefits consultant Shepell-fgi.

Coca-Cola, for example, is creating a special "employee fan zone" at its Canadian head office in Toronto, complete with artificial turf, where employees can watch the games at work on a big screen TV.

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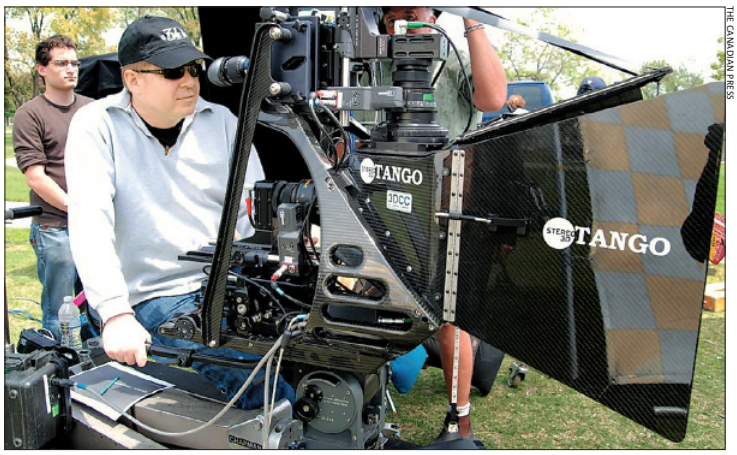

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The start of something big: Film director James Stewart uses a 3-D camera system.

TV chiefs give 3-D an 'A'

SMALL SCREEN Put on those specs, you couch potatoes — 3-D is poised to revolutionize TV, say industry players who will be touting the technology at the Banff World Television Festival this weekend.

The advent of 3-D TV will be a key focus of the annual industry conference, where heavyweights including Canadian icon William Shatner will share their thoughts on the future of the small screen.

The four-day festival kicks off Sunday with a session outlining the nuts-and-bolts of 3-D production.

Broadcasters, show creators and service providers are scrambling to be among the first to offer eye-popping sports and event programming, says 3-D guru James Stewart, who will lead Sunday's session.

"The acceleration of all this is unbelievable," says Stewart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guy Lafleur wants his guilty verdict overturned

COURTS Montreal Canadiens great Guy Lafleur is appealing the guilty verdict against him for giving contradictory testimony during his son's bail hearing.

The Hockey Hall of Famer wasn't in court Thursday as his two lawyers argued the modified warrant used to arrest Lafleur was out of line.

Guy Lafleur

Lafleur was convicted in May 2009 of giving contradictory testimony at a bail hearing for his son, Mark, in September 2007.

The former superstar originally failed to mention a number of hotel visits his son made.

Justices will deliberate before giving a decision.

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Lancias to be manufactured in Ontario soon?
Chrysler's Canadian workers haven't received official word that they'll be building Fiat's Lancia-brand luxury vehicles, but a union leader says it would be "perfect" for the company's Brampton, Ont., plant. Industry research firm AutomotiveCompass has said it believes Chrysler will begin building Lancias in Brampton beginning in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec City **Asbestos at work?**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec Solidaire Leader Amir Khadir holds up a picture he says shows an unprotected Indian worker using asbestos imported from Quebec while questioning the government over the security measures of the product on Thursday at the legislature in Quebec City.

Are PM aides in contempt?

Soudas could face censure

The top spin doctor for the prime minister and two other aides have one more chance to show up at an ethics committee before MPs look into whether they should face parliamentary punishment.

A bailiff had tried unsuccessfully for two weeks to serve summonses to Dimitri Soudas, the director of communications to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and to Jillian Andrews, policy adviser to Natural Resources Minister Christian Paradis to appear before a Commons ethics committee.

Dimitri Soudas

Members of the committee studying allegations of political interference in the processing of access to information requests decided earlier this week to consider the summonses officially served, and Soudas was scheduled to appear Thursday.

But the witness chair remained empty and his nameplate was removed before the meeting was underway, the result of a recent decision by the Conservative government that ministerial aides would no longer appear as witnesses at parliamentary committees and that their bosses would take questions and responsibility on their behalf.

"I think it's extremely troubling that Mr. Soudas isn't here," said NDP MP Bill Siksay (Burnaby-Douglas). "I think it's unfortunate that he's been told not to appear by his boss and by the government and I think that we have to pursue this."

Bloc Québécois MP Carole Freeman (Chateauguay—Saint-Constant) expressed surprise that it was happening given the tough-on-crime agenda of the Conservative government.

"We are aware of the concern for law and order of the government, therefore how can it be that a prime minister, directly or indirectly, does not incite his employee to appear before the committee? This is hindering justice," she said during the meeting.

Members eventually agreed that if Soudas, Andrews and Sebastien Togneri — another aide to Paradis who has failed to appear — do not show up at its next meeting on June 15, it will send a report to the House of Commons that could read the committee "has reason to believe a potential breach of privilege has occurred," which would set in motion a process that could lead to the no-show witnesses being found in contempt of Parliament.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two men charged in fatal stabbing

EDMONTON Police in Edmonton have charged two men in the fatal stabbing of a foreign worker who was about to return home to Thailand.

The 37-year-old was trying to help some friends who had been attacked by up to six people demanding money near a convenience store early Sunday.

He died in hospital.

Michael John Stewart, 21, of no fixed address has been charged with second-degree murder, robbery and possession of a weapon. Accused of robbery and assault is Kyle Anthony Brooks, 18, also of no fixed address.

Police are still looking for five others who are persons of interest in the case.

Images of two males and three females were captured on video at a light-rail transit station near the University of Alberta Hospital.

It's believed all the attackers were white, but police have said there is no immediate evidence to suggest the unprovoked assault was racially motivated.

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News in brief

PLEA A Canadian sports doctor's assistant who's accused of bringing human growth hormone into the United States for her boss is scheduled to take a plea later this month in federal court in Buffalo. Mary Anne Catalano's September 2009 arrest at a Buffalo border crossing led to charges against Anthony Galea, who's treated high-profile athletes including Tiger Woods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Union boss targeted in attempted arson

Police are investigating an attempted arson attack against the head of Quebec's most powerful construction workers' union. Traces of an accelerant and a road flare were found under the truck of union president Yves Mercure as it sat parked in front of his home in Repentigny, near Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poor choice of words

Beauty contestant causes stir with remarks about Africans

It started off well enough.

Beauty queen Tiffany Munro was talking to Oshawa high school students about body image, saying she put on weight to enter the Miss Universe Canada competition.

Pageant organizers, the 26-year-old said, didn't want them looking anorexic, "like some little African child with the ribs going on."

Rumblings and muted jeers erupted from the audience at G.L. Roberts Collegiate and Vocational Institute, and a fellow contestant who had just described her experience in a Rwandan refugee camp gasped in shock.

The event Thursday morning was to have been a chance for the pageant's 62 contestants to practise their public speaking skills. For Munro, it was a hard lesson learned.

"Skeletons," the Edmonton native said later. "I meant to say they don't want us to look like skeletons. But I'm still half-asleep after having to get up at 5 a.m."

CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR

Tiffany Munro of Edmonton delivers a speech about body image to students at G.L. Roberts High School in Oshawa, Ont., on Thursday. She is competing for the title of Miss Universe Canada.

Munro, a filmmaker who has her own production company, said she was apologizing to everyone for the gaffe that "just slipped out."

African-born Solange Tuyishime, 26, spent much of her time onstage being consoled by another contestant.

"I was hurt" by the reference to "stereotypical images they show on TV," she said in an interview. "It's very sad that in 2010 when we make references to the poor, we think of African children, because poverty is everywhere."

But the "beauty" of the pageant, she added graciously, is that it gives them an opportunity "to learn from each other."

Expanding on her body-image theme, Munro told the 300 grades 11 and 12 students that she struggled with weight issues, at one point ballooning to 180 pounds. "Dancing around on stage in swimsuits" for the competition might seem "archaic," she noted, but it shows that they have healthy bodies.

Judges in the Miss Universe Canada pageant, which wraps up Saturday and Monday at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, are looking for "someone who has the whole package" of brains and beauty, according to national director Denis Davila.

Most of the 62 contestants arrived at G. L. Roberts in six-inch stilettos and short skirts. But they quickly wowed the audience with their stories of achievement and messages of hope and inspiration.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Video shows accused claiming not to recall night of murder

TRIAL The man accused of killing Jennifer Horne told police that he woke up the day after the two had gone out for drinks to find her lifeless body bound in duct tape and in the trunk of his car.

In a tearful videotaped statement with Halifax police on Dec. 31, 2007, Desmond Maguire said officers would find Horne's body in the closet of his apartment in Dartmouth.

"I don't remember too much of that night. She's in the closet. She's not alive," he said in the video shown to a Nova Scotia Supreme Court jury Thursday.

"I didn't mean to do it."

Maguire, 39, is on trial for first-degree murder in the death of Horne, a 20-year-old co-worker he had been dating.

He told police the two had gone for a drink at the Thirsty Duck pub in Halifax on Dec. 29, after Horne got off work from the retirement home where they were both employed.

He said they left the bar after about an hour and that he had too much to drink, making his recollection of what happened after that difficult.

Crying and with his head in his hands, Maguire said that when he went out to get something from his car the next day, he found Horne's body in the trunk.

Asked repeatedly by Const. Tony Blencowe how Horne got there and how she died, Maguire wept and said he didn't know.

"I really, really don't remember," he said, as several of Horne's family members wiped away tears as they watched the lengthy video statement.

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News in brief

FUNDING Popular events in Montreal and Toronto that lost out on federal funding this year have Industry Minister Tony Clement to thank for the lack of cash in their coffers. Clement himself chose which events would receive financing under the Conservative's controversial marquee tourism events program.

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Montreal police to probe car chase

Montreal police have been asked to probe a deadly car chase involving provincial patrol officers and a civilian driver in Quebec City. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier sees 'power of Mother Nature'

McGuinty tours Leamington to inspect tornado damage

Federal and provincial officials spent Wednesday getting a first-hand look at the damage caused by a tornado in Leamington, Ont.

Premier Dalton McGuinty, after touring a few homes and a greenhouse operation badly damaged by the twister, said "It's miraculous that nobody was hurt here.

"There's no substitute for being physically present to get a better understanding of the damage and power of Mother Nature."

The premier said some of the damage is covered by provincial programs; some things are not.

"There are at least two programs that are available and I've chatted with the mayor and encouraged him to apply and we'll see what we can do for them."

Mayor John Adams said it would have been nicer if the premier had said: "'Yes, the funds are there 100 per cent,' but there is a process we have to follow and we will follow it as speedily as we possibly can."

He said the damage to municipal properties totalled about $2.5 million but it will take a while to get estimates on damage to residential properties.

Federal cabinet minister Gary Goodyear also visited a damaged greenhouse, a subdivision, a community park and the municipal marina.

His office later said that the CRTC has given the parent company of The Weather Network authority to develop a national emergency alerting system, which could alert media about coming storms.

Goodyear is the minister of state for science and technology and minister of state responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for southern Ontario.

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Paul Verheyen looks over the damage to his house caused by a severe storm and possible tornado in Leamington, Ont., on Sunday. Verheyen and his family were luckily not home during the storm. The tree that crashed through the house landed on his son's bed.

Man who shot bystander in gang war gets life in prison

WINNIPEG A man who shot and killed an innocent bystander in a drug turf war in Winnipeg has been sentenced to life in prison with no chance at parole for 15 years.

Jeffrey Cansanay was convicted of second-degree murder in April after a jury trial.

Phil Haiart, who was 17, was caught in gang gunfire as he walked near a crackhouse in the city's west end in October 2005.

Another bystander was also hit but survived.

Court heard the shooting was part of a violent turf war between the Mad Cowz and African Mafia street gangs.

Cansanay came to Canada from the Philippines in the 1990s and could face deportation.

He was also found guilty of discharging a firearm, but was acquitted on two counts of attempted murder.

Jurors heard evidence that Cansanay and co-accused Corey Spence were associates of the African Mafia, a splinter gang of the Mad Cowz. In the days prior to the shooting, the crackhouse was the scene of mounting violence between the two gangs.

Court was told Spence had split from the Mad Cowz to sell drugs on his own. The Crown argued he ordered Cansanay to shoot at rival gangsters as they fled the area on bicycles.

Haiart and another man were caught in the line of fire. Haiart was fatally shot in the stomach, while the second man suffered a wound to his arm.

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Warrant issued for sex offender

VANCOUVER Vancouver Police say a high-risk sex offender could be heading to northeastern B.C. after skipping out of a Vancouver halfway house.

Police issued an alert on Wednesday, saying 26-year-old Clifford Joseph was last seen Tuesday in Vancouver and may be travelling to Prince George or Fort St. John.

A Canada-wide warrant has been posted for Joseph, who is currently on statutory release after serving time for offences ranging from aggravated sexual assault to kidnapping and unlawful confinement.

Vancouver police say the aboriginal man also has a history of drug and alcohol abuse. Joseph is described as five-foot-nine, 160 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and acne scars.

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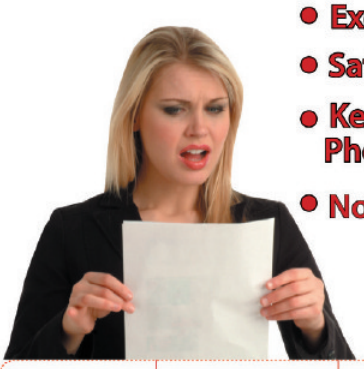

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Security system raises provincial concerns

Quebec's access to information commission is expressing concern about a new biometric, fingerprint-based security system installed in a downtown Montreal apartment building, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

T.O., Winnipeg cops hunt suspect in senior scams

Police in Toronto and Winnipeg are joining forces to hunt for a man they allege has been ripping off seniors.

A Canada-wide warrant has been issued for 54-year-old Richard Earl Rupert.

Police are calling him a person of interest in a large number of related offences targeting senior citizens in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada.

The suspect is wanted on numerous charges including robbery, break and enter, theft and fraud.

Description

- He is described as polite and well-mannered and uses many aliases, but usually uses the first name Richard.

Winnipeg police responded to a call last week about a senior possibly being directed to withdraw money from a bank machine, but both the senior and the man with him left before officers arrived.

Police allege there have been 20 victims ranging in age from 78 to 95.

Toronto police say the suspect goes to retirement homes and communities and presents himself as a distant relative, usually a nephew. He then convinces the alleged victims to provide him with money for travel, car repairs or rent.

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Prairie farmers fight waterlogging

AGRICULTURE Saskatchewan farmers have gone from dry to drenched and Manitoba farmers are hoping their crops won't wash away.

Nearly 40 rural municipalities in Saskatchewan have declared themselves agricultural disaster areas because they are too wet for farmers to plant crops.

Moisture levels are high everywhere, but problem regions are mostly in northeast and east-central Saskatchewan. Some farmers in the northeast can't move from one side of their field to the other because there's so much water, said David Marit, president of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

Merit's own farm in Fife Lake, near the Saskatchewan-Montana border, is waterlogged, too.

"We put in 100 acres the other day and we got stopped again for rain. I mean that's virtually nothing and we haven't turned a wheel for four or five days. It's getting a little serious," said Marit.

Saskatchewan Agriculture said "seeding has nearly ground to a halt in many areas."

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Quebec City **Closing up session**

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Quebec Opposition Leader Pauline Marois during question period Thursday at the legislature in Quebec City. The legislature is expected to end its spring session on Friday.

News in brief

DEGREE FOR HARRIS The president of Nipissing University said Wednesday she is confident students will not pay a price for the school conferring an honorary degree on former Ontario premier Mike Harris. The Ontario Teachers' Federation has suggested students of the institution in North Bay, Ont., could be boycotted if Harris receives the honorary degree on Friday. Nipissing has an excellent tradition in teacher education, and excellent relations with school boards and associate teachers, said university president Lesley Lovett-Dous in an interview.

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Simpson's lawyer to ask to overturn conviction

O.J. Simpson's lawyer calls time a big hurdle he'll face when he asks the Nevada Supreme Court to overturn the imprisoned former football star's conviction and grant a new trial in a September 2007 hotel room heist. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Geithner taken to task over China

U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, left, faced a barrage of congressional complaints Thursday over what critics said was the administration's failure to take a tougher stance on Chinese trade issues. One critic said if China does not move soon to allow its currency to rise in value against the dollar, Congress is likely to pass legislation that would impose tough trade sanctions on China. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge approves 9-11 health settlement

A U.S. federal judge signed off on a legal settlement Thursday that could pay as much as $713 million to 9-11 responders exposed to World Trade Center dust, and immediately urged thousands of police, firefighters and construction workers to take the deal.

U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein gave his enthusiastic endorsement to the proposed package just three months after sternly rejecting an earlier plan that would have put less money into the hands of workers who got sick after breathing the toxic ash.

He said months of nonstop negotiations had produced a pact capable of ending the seven-year-old case, which pitted New York City officials against thousands of men and women hailed as heroes for their service at the trade centre.

The new proposal would add roughly $125 million to the pot, and include bigger payments for people diagnosed with cancer, an illness that hasn't yet been linked to the dust but is perhaps the most feared among the workers.

"This is a very good deal. I am very excited about this deal," Hellerstein said. "There are 10,000 people out there, and I hope 100 per cent come into it."

John Feal, of the Long Island-based 9-11 victims' group, the FealGood Foundation, praised the improved compensation in the deal but said it still does too little for the sickest responders.

"This settlement is the best way to compensate people who aren't truly sick," he said. "There isn't enough money to give to the people who are seriously sick. This should have been in the billions, not in the millions. But it is better than the first one."

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg issued a statement calling the deal "a fair settlement of a difficult and complex case that will allow first responders and workers to be fairly compensated for injuries suffered following their work at ground zero."

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90 days to decide

- The settlement's success is still highly in doubt. Under the terms of the agreement, 95 per cent of the 10,000 workers involved in the case must opt in for it to be in effect. They must chose quickly. The agreement gives them only 90 days to make up their minds.

Israel **Chimps have World Cup fever too**

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A baby chimpanzee plays with a soccer ball a day before the opening of the World Cup football tournament in South Africa, at the Ramat Gan Safari in Israel Thursday. The chimpanzees at the Safari zoo in Ramat Gan received a special treat for the World Cup opening, soccer balls with flags of different countries covered with strawberry jam.

Some U.K. lawmakers want U.S. to go easier on BP as stock continues slide

OIL SPILL The Gulf of Mexico oil spill risked turning into a trans-Atlantic diplomatic rift Thursday after U.S. threats to have BP fork out billions more for the disaster caused a precipitous slide in the blue-chip's stock, hurting retirement savings for millions of Britons.

British lawmakers are even pushing Prime Minister David Cameron to get President Barack Obama to tone down his stinging criticism of the oil company, complaining that the hostile rhetoric will have severe implications for pensioners with nest eggs in the company.

The share slide has since April almost halved BP's market value to 69 billion pounds ($101 billion US), costing it the spot as Britain's biggest company — and some worry it could become a takeover target for upstart firms in Asia.

BP said there was no reason for the stock drop, stressing its strong finances.

In Washington, Obama spokesman Robert Gibbs defended the strong U.S. rhetoric directed at BP.

"We are there to ensure that BP is doing everything that it has to do as the responsible party in this disaster," he said.

U.K. lawmakers want Cameron to stress the blue chip company's critical role in the British national economy — some 18 million Britons hold shares in the company in one form or another, many through their pension funds.

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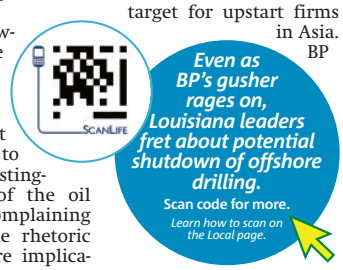

Study: China more peaceful than U.S.

PEACE INDEX Cuba and China are more peaceful than the United States, according to a report published Thursday.

The global peace index, prepared by the Australian-based Institute for Economics and Peace, says the world in general is becoming a more violent place. Iraq is the most violent nation in the world, the report says, followed by Somalia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Pakistan and Israel.

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News in brief

BRAZIL A man accused of imprisoning his daughter for 12 years and fathering her seven children called their relationship consensual Thursday, while a second daughter told authorities she was abused by her father and bore him a son. Police say Jose Agostinho Pereira, 54, could face up to 30 years in prison for allegedly keeping one of his daughters and their children in subhuman conditions in a two-room hut in an isolated, jungle area in northeastern Brazil. In a jailhouse interview, Pereira remained defiant about the accusations that he had seven children with his 28-year-old daughter. "It's a crime, I know it's a crime. But she was also committing it," Pereira told local television station TV Cidade from his jail cell. "I only did it because it was a consenting love. If she had not consented to it, I wouldn't have done it." Lead investigator Adriana Meireles said that another of Pereira's daughters — who is now 31 years old — is accusing him of abuse. Police say they were tipped off about Pereira by anonymous phone calls.

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Dairy farm worker pleads not guilty to abusing cows

An Ohio dairy farm worker accused of abusing cows in a video has pleaded not guilty to 12 counts of cruelty to animals. An animal welfare group says video it recorded showed 25-year-old Billy Joe Gregg Jr. and others beating cows with crowbars and poking them with pitchforks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two pictures painted of transit cop

Racial overtures in case of officer on trial in killing of unarmed man

Two different portraits of a white transit officer accused of killing an unarmed black man at an Oakland train platform emerged Thursday at the start of a trial tinged with racial overtures that will likely delve into use of force tactics by law enforcement.

The trial, which was moved to Los Angeles, is being watched closely by the Oakland community, where racial tensions overflowed into violence following the 2009 New Year's Day shooting and is somewhat reminiscent of the fallout from the infamous Rodney King beating that eventually resulted in the acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers in 1992.

Deputy District Attorney Dave Stein said in his opening statements that the decisions made by ex-Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer Johannes Mehserle were fueled by misguided emotions as he arrived to a chaotic scene where Oscar Grant, 22, and his friends were being detained by fellow officers. Mehserle, 28, has pleaded not guilty to murder for pulling out his .40-calibre gun and fatally shooting Grant in the back while he was on the ground. Defence attorney Michael Rains has long contended his client accidentally pulled out a handgun instead of his stun gun.

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Thailand **The world's game**

DAVID LONGSTREATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

School children hold soccer balls in Bangkok yesterday, a day ahead of the opening of the World Cup soccer tournament in South Africa.

60 million near glaciers could face food shortages

STUDY Nearly 60 million people living around the Himalayas will suffer food shortages in the coming decades as glaciers shrink and the water sources for crops dry up, a study said Thursday.

But Dutch scientists writing in the journal Science concluded the impact would be much less than previously estimated a few years ago by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The UN report in 2007 warned that hundred of millions of people were at risk from disappearing glaciers.

The reason for the discrepancy, scientists said, is that some basins surrounding the Himalayas depend more on rainfall than melting glaciers for their water sources.

Those that do count heavily on glaciers like the Indus, Ganges and Brahamaputra basins in South Asia could see their water supplies decline by as much as 19.6 per cent by 2050. China's Yellow River basin, in contrast, would see a 9.5 per cent increase precipitation as monsoon patterns change due to the changing climate.

"We show that it's only certain areas that will be affected," said Utrecht University Hydrology Prof. Marc Bierkens, who along with Walter Immerzee and Ludovicus van Beek conducted the study. "The amount of people affected is still large. Every person is one too many, but it's much less than was first anticipated."

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Prof. Marc Bierkens, Utrecht University

The study is one of the first to examine the impact of shrinking glaciers on the Himalayan river basins. It will likely further fuel the debate on the degree that climate change will devastate the river basins that are mostly located in India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan and China.

Scientists for the most part agree glaciers are melting at an accelerated rate as temperatures increase. Most scientists tie that warming directly to higher atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide.

Some glaciers, such as in the Himalayas, could hold out for centuries in a warmer world. But more than 90 per cent of glaciers worldwide are in retreat, with major losses already seen across much of Alaska, the Alps, the Andes and numerous other ranges, according to researchers in the United States and Europe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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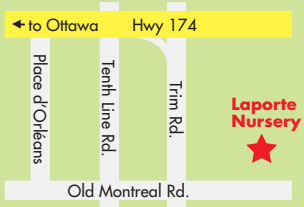

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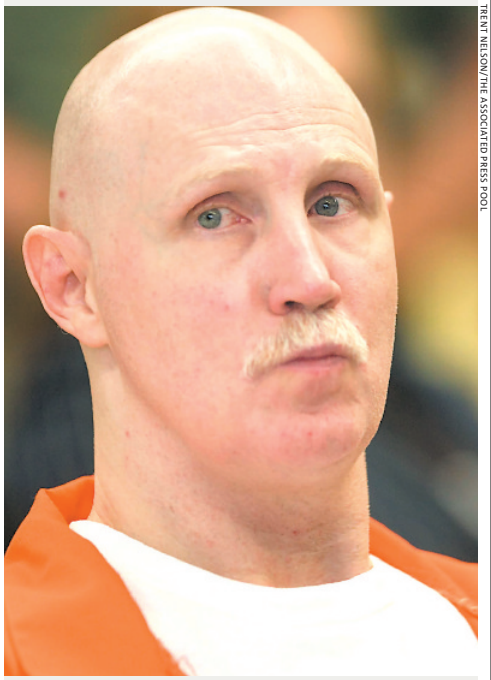
News in brief

PHILADELPHIA A woman convicted of attempted prostitution for offering to trade sex for World Series tickets has been sentenced to one year of probation. Susan Finkelstein was also sentenced Thursday to 100 hours of community service. The 44-year-old had been convicted in March. She had placed a racy online ad seeking tickets to a Phillies-Yankees game last October. Police set up a sting and say she offered sex for tickets. Judge Albert Cepparulo called Finkelstein's crime "incredibly stupid," saying it could have left her vulnerable to a predator. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mistaken identity at Arlington National Cemetery?
The U.S. Army says at least 200 remains in Arlington National Cemetery may have been misidentified or misplaced, casting a shadow over what has been called America's "sacred ground." More than 300,000 people are buried at the cemetery, including service members from the U.S. Civil War as well as Iraq and Afghanistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Utah **Last chance for 2nd chance**



TRENT NELSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POOL

Ronnie Lee Gardner listens to proceedings during his commutation hearing at the Utah State Prison in Draper, Utah, on Thursday. Nine days before he is set to be executed by a five-man firing squad, Gardner is asking Utah's parole board to commute his death sentence to life in prison. He says he wants to live to help make life better for troubled children. Gardner is scheduled to be executed June 18 for killing a lawyer in 1985.

Fears mount as contact lost with teen sailor on solo trip

A 16-year-old Southern California girl attempting a solo sail around the world was feared in trouble Thursday in the frigid, heaving southern Indian Ocean after her emergency beacons began signalling and communication was lost.

Abby Sunderland's family was talking with U.S. and international governments about organizing a search of the remote ocean between southern Africa and Australia, family spokesman Christian Pinkston said.

Conditions can quickly become perilous for any sailor exposed to the elements in that part of the world.

"We've got to get a plane out there quick," said Pinkston, adding that the teen's family was asking for prayers for her safety.

"They are exhausting every resource to try to mobilize an air rescue including discussions with the U.S. State Department, the U.S. Coast Guard and various international rescue organizations," he said. The closest land is France's Reunion Island, east of Madagascar, though the exact distance wasn't clear.

Abby last communicated with her family at 4 a.m. PDT and reported nine-metre swells but was not in distress, Pinkston said.

Abby Sunderland

An hour later the family was notified that her emergency beacons had been activated, and there was no further communication. Pinkston said the beacons were manually activated.

Her brother, Zac, who sailed around the world at age 17, told Los Angeles radio station KNX that Abby was in a heavy storm at the time she called home.

"We're still trying to figure out the rescue situation," he said.

"There's two boats headed out to her position, one is an estimated 40 hours, the other is 48. Right now we're trying to figure out if there is any way faster. She's in the middle of nowhere pretty much in the southern Indian Ocean. There's nothing closer."

He said Abby's boat was likely not completely submerged because another beacon would be triggered at a depth of 4.6 metres.

Abby set sail from Los Angeles County's Marina del Rey in her 12-metre boat, Wild Eyes, on Jan. 23 in an attempt to become the youngest person to sail around the world alone without stopping. Her brother briefly held the record in 2009.

Abby soon ran into equipment problems and had to stop for repairs. She gave up the goal of setting the record in April, but continued on.

Abby left Cape Town, South Africa, on May 21 and on Monday reached the halfway point of her voyage.

On Wednesday, she wrote in her log that it had been a rough few days with huge seas that had her boat "rolling around like crazy."

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> **"She's in the middle of nowhere pretty much in the southern Indian Ocean."**
> Zac Sunderland
> Abby's brother

Pope defends celibacy, calls it 'great sign of faith'

RELIGION Pope Benedict XVI strongly defended celibacy for priests as a sign of faith in an increasingly secular world Thursday, insisting on a church tradition that has increasingly come under scrutiny amid the clerical sex abuse scandal.

Benedict didn't directly mention the crisis that has rocked the Catholic Church for months in his comments to some 15,000 priests who massed in St. Peter's Square. But in an apparent reference to the crisis, Benedict spoke about "secondary scandals" that showed "our own insufficiencies and sins."

There had been speculation that Benedict might again refer to the scandal during the priestly gathering, following his recent comments en route to Portugal during which he acknowledged that it was born of the "sin within the church" and not from outside elements. The pope acknowledged that celibacy was itself "a great scandal" to some, but he called it "a great sign of faith, of the presence of God in the world." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. commits aid to fighting drug trade in the Caribbean

FUNDING Alarmed by a dramatic increase in narcotics-related violence in the Caribbean, the Obama administration is pledging to help island nations combat drug and weapons traffickers.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in Barbados for a regional meeting of foreign ministers, unveiled the administration's $124 million Caribbean Basin Security Initiative on Thursday, intended to help countries counter the illegal narcotics and arms trade and help prosecute offenders.

"We all know well that addressing transnational security challenges in the 21st century requires a comprehensive approach," Clinton said.

> **$124M**
> The Caribbean Basic Security Initiative will provide $124 million to help island nations combat drug and weapons traffickers.

The program augments similar U.S. co-operation efforts in Mexico, Central America and Colombia and helps Caribbean countries deal with any increase in crime that results from successes there.

Caribbean islands had one of their bloodiest years on record in 2009 as they battled drug-fuelled crime, with Jamaica, the Bahamas and Puerto Rico hitting or coming close to all-time highs for homicides.

The deteriorating situation in the region reflects the drug trade's deep entrenchment, with high murder rates becoming a fact of life in the tourist havens that traffickers use as transit points for South American drugs bound for Europe and the United States.

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Aftermath of Thai violence tough to predict: Official

ASIA A senior U.S. official says the Obama administration is hopeful that a fragile Thailand will recover from violent protests as political debate moves from the streets to parliament. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Scot Marciel told lawmakers Thursday at a hearing that it will not be easy to predict the consequences of Thailand's worst political violence in a generation.

Marciel says that the fundamental splits in Thai society that led to the 10-week protests remain. He urges all sides to work on reconciliation and renounce violence.

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U.S. citizen linked to Mumbai attacks interviewed by India

The U.S. Justice Department says investigators from India have conducted lengthy interviews with an American citizen linked to the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. David Coleman Headley pleaded guilty in March to being in on the planning of the November 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saint felled by heart: Experts

Scientists studied mummified organ of 13th-century Italian

For thousands of Catholics, the 13th-century Italian St. Rose of Viterbo had miraculous powers that allowed her to raise someone from the dead and survive the flames of a burning pyre.

Scientists examining the saint's mummified body now say she had a congenital heart defect that may have ultimately killed her as a teenager.

Ruggero D'Anastasio of the G. d'Annunzio University in Chieti, Italy, and colleagues analyzed pictures and X-rays of the medieval saint's preserved heart, which looks like a petrified lump of rock.

They suspect St. Rose died of Cantrell's syndrome, a rare heart disorder, rather than tuberculosis, as previously thought. The research was published Friday in the British medical journal Lancet.

To get the X-rays, D'Anastasio and his team took a portable machine to Santa Rosa monastery in Viterbo, near Rome, where St. Rose's heart is kept in a reliquary. Her body was mummified separately.

D'Anastasio said he and the monastery's officials were particularly keen to find out what killed the patron saint of people in exile, as she was only about 18 when she died. "We found a blockage in her heart that was most probably fatal," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heart for all to see?

- Frank Ruehli of the University of Zurich and the Swiss Mummy project hypothesized the heart syndrome might have given St. Rose an enlarged organ or made its pumping slightly visible beneath the skin. "People might have been aware of her being special in a medical sense," he said.

India **Passion in action**

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Indian artist Ajoy Kar gives finishing touches to a painting as Indian soccer enthusiasts watch in Calcutta, India, Thursday. Soccer fans around the world are gearing up to watch the World Cup scheduled to kick off in South Africa on Friday.

Rare Civil War-era photograph sold for $30K

ART A haunting 150-year-old photo found in a North Carolina attic shows a young black child named John, barefoot and wearing ragged clothes, perched on a barrel next to another unidentified young boy.

Art historians believe it's an extremely rare Civil War-era photograph of children who were either slaves or recently emancipated.

In April, the photo was found at a moving sale in Charlotte, accompanied by a document detailing the sale of John for $1,150, not a small sum back in 1854.

New York collector Keya Morgan said he paid $30,000 for the photo album including the photo of the young boys and $20,000 for the sale document. Morgan said the deceased owner of the home where the photo was found was thought to be a descendant of John. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. minority numbers on rise: Census

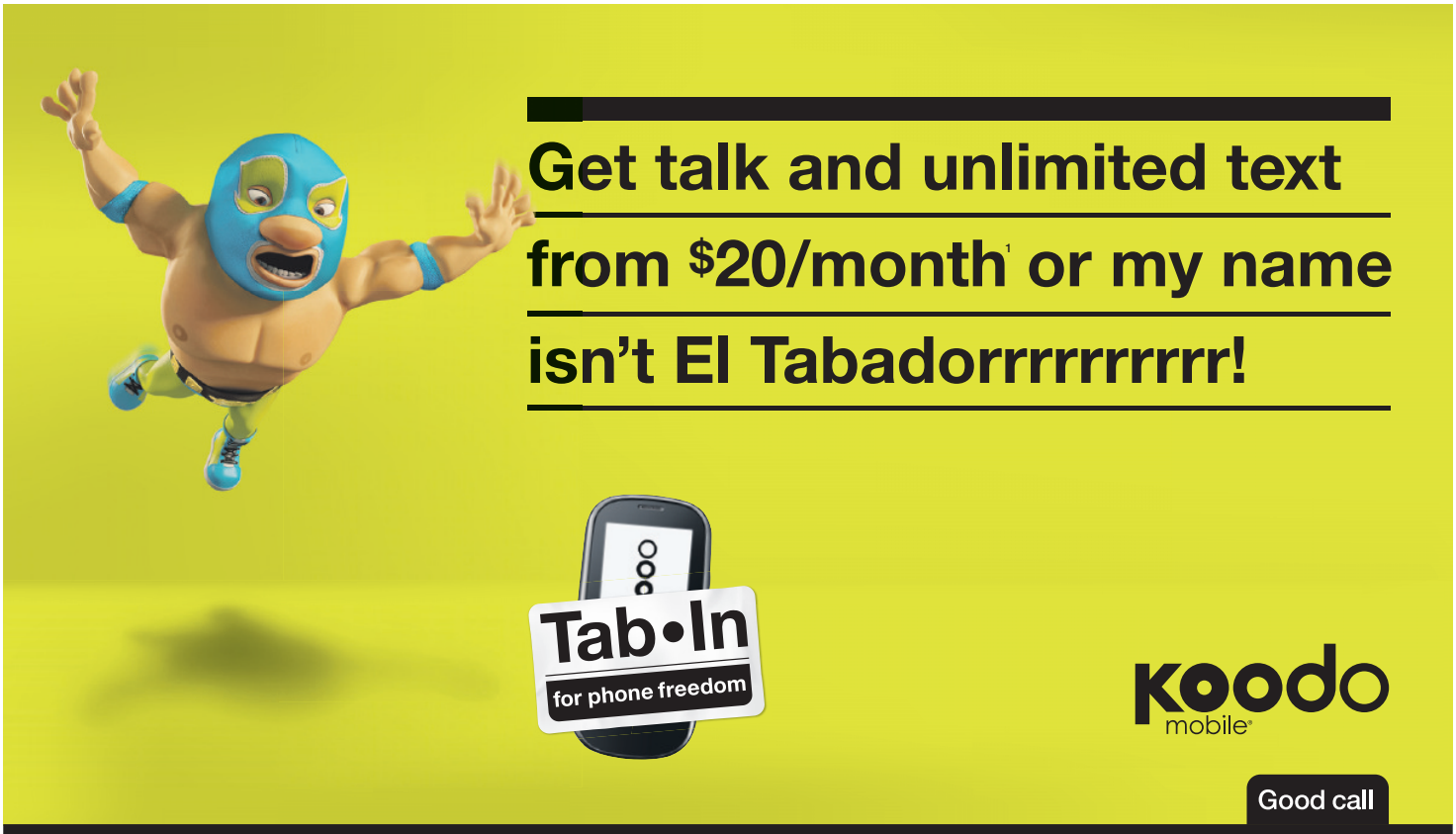
POPULATION The minority population in the United States is steadily rising and now makes up 35 per cent of the total, advancing an unmistakable trend that could render them the new American majority by mid-century.

New Census estimates show minorities added more than two per cent in 2009 to 107.2-million people, boosted by a surge in Hispanic births and more people who described themselves as multiracial. During this time, the white population remained flat, making up roughly 199.9 million, or 65 per cent, of the country.

In 2000, whites comprised 69 per cent of the total population and minorities 31 per cent.

Currently, Hawaii, New Mexico, California and Texas, as well as the federal enclave of Washington have minority populations that exceeded 50 per cent.

The 35 per cent overall minority proportion of the population was up from 34 per cent a year ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Sinkhole stumps geologists
A massive sinkhole that gulped down a clothing factory and an entire intersection in Guatemala's capital is mystifying geologists who have yet to figure out what caused it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. **Shooting victims mourned**

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A elderly lady is seen crying Thursday prior to the funeral for Garry Purdham in Gosforth, Cumbria, England, after taxi driver Derrick Bird drove around the area on a shooting spree across a tranquil stretch of northwest England. Bird killed 12 people and wounded many others before turning the gun on himself.

FBI probing AT&T's iPad security breach

The FBI said Thursday it is investigating a data breach at AT&T that exposed the email addresses of more than 114,000 owners of the Apple iPad, including government officials.

The agency said it is looking into "the potential cyber threat" from the breach.

AT&T Inc. said it has no comment. The Dallas-based phone company acknowledged Wednesday that it had exposed the email addresses through a website, and had closed the breach.

The vulnerability only affected iPad users who signed up for AT&T's "3G" wireless Internet service.

An AT&T site could be tricked into revealing an iPad owner's email address when supplied with a code associated with their particular iPad. A hacker group that calls itself Goatse Security said it got the site to cough up more than 114,000 email addresses by guessing which codes would be valid.

The group said it contacted AT&T and waited until the vulnerability was fixed before going public with the information. AT&T said the problem was fixed Tuesday, but it was alerted to it by a business customer.

Apple Inc., the maker of the iPad, has not commented on the breach, referring all questions to AT&T.

AT&T has apologized and said it will notify all iPad users whose email addresses may have been accessed. It noted that the only information hackers would have been able to steal using the attack were users' email addresses. But that can be enough to launch an effective attack, since the attacker also knows that the person receiving the email is an iPad user and an AT&T customer and would expect to receive email from Apple and AT&T about their accounts. Criminals could use that knowledge to trick them into opening emails that plant malicious software on their computers.

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No biggie

- New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's email address was among those exposed, but the billionaire media mogul shrugged it off Thursday and said he didn't understand the fuss.

Tagged.com faces legal action over child porn

SOCIAL NETWORK Child pornography was allowed to remain on social-networking site Tagged.com for nearly two months after undercover investigators posed as users and reported the content to the site's administrators, the state attorney general's office charged Thursday.

The office notified Tagged.com that it would sue the site if the problems were not resolved within five days, said Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, who previously targeted the site last summer and accused it of stealing the identities of more than 60 million Internet users in a deceptive marketing campaign.

"We strive ... to keep illegal content out." Tagged.com spokeswoman

One slideshow that remained on the site as of Thursday morning depicted children, some who appeared as young as five, engaged in sexual acts with other children, Cuomo's office said. The slideshow was sent to Tagged.com April 17 using the site's own reporting procedures.

Louis Willacy, a lawyer for Tagged Inc., issued a statement saying the site was co-operating with investigators and hoped "to resolve this quickly in the best interest of our members' safety."

"We strive constantly to improve our program to keep illegal content out and prevent unlawful contact between adults and minors on our site," he said. A spokeswoman declined to comment further.

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South Korea **Protesting the North**

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Protesters shout slogans Thursday at the border town of Imjingak, South Korea, denouncing the North Korean government as they launch balloons carrying leaflets condemning the North Korean government, as well as thousands of DVDs, pocket radios, and even cash to drift over the demilitarized zone into North Korea

Second man convicted in shooting range death

VERMONT Even now, no one knows who fired the stray bullet that killed a retired college professor at his dining room table.

But two men have now been convicted in the shooting, which happened when a rifle shot from a backyard firing range next door went through a window and hit John Reiss, killing him on the spot.

On Thursday, 28-year-old Brad Lussier — one of three men who had been firing a SKS automatic rifle in the moments before Reiss was hit — was sentenced to 60 days in jail after pleading guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the Sept. 23, 2008, shooting in Essex.

"I did see the house, and I should have known" the danger, Lussier said in court.

Last month, a jury convicted Reiss' neighbour, who set up the firing range and invited his co-workers from a local IBM plant to come over for a shooting party. Joseph McCarthy, 40, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and is awaiting sentencing. He could get 15 years in prison.

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Lawyers argue in U.S. court for dismissal of piracy charges against Somali men

Piracy charges against six Somali nationals should be dismissed because the defendants did not take over or rob the U.S. Navy ship they are accused of attacking, lawyers for the men argue. The defendants are being held for trial in Norfolk, Va., on charges related to an April 10 attack on the USS Ashland in the Gulf of Aden. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senate rejects challenge to EPA

In a boost for the U.S. president on global warming, the Senate rejected a challenge Thursday to Obama administration rules aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and other big polluters.

The defeated resolution would have denied the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to move ahead with the rules, crafted under the federal Clean Air Act. With U.S. President Barack Obama's broader clean energy legislation struggling to gain a foothold in the Senate, the vote took on greater significance as a signal of where lawmakers stand on dealing with climate change.

"If ever there was a vote to find out whose side you are on, this is it," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, a Democrat and chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

The vote was 53-47 to stop the Senate from moving forward on the Republican-led effort to restrain the EPA.

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A supporter of opposition Law and Justice Party presidential candidate Jaroslaw Kaczynski stands in front of his poster Thursday as she participates in a rally in Siedlce, Poland. Poland will elect a new president June 20.

Reputation prompts China's OK of sanctions

UN China's about-face in backing new nuclear sanctions against Iran was borne out of frustration with Tehran's intransigence and a desire to display global leadership alongside its rising financial and diplomatic clout, analysts said Thursday.

A key Iranian ally, China had been a vocal opponent of a fourth round of sanctions and could have used its power as one of five permanent UN Security Council members to veto the resolution.

Instead, Beijing spurned the opportunity to play spoiler, voting Wednesday in favour of the resolution targeting Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard, ballistic missiles and nuclear-related investments in a bid to compel Tehran to cooperate with international inspectors.

"China hopes that this method will show Iran that China has principles and is a responsible major nation," said Yao Jide, an Iran expert at Yunnan University's School of International Relations.

However, China's Foreign Ministry said Thursday its support for fresh sanctions should not block efforts to find a diplomatic solution.

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Economic ties

- Beijing appeared to have been satisfied that the sanctions would not harm its economic ties with Iran, with whom bilateral trade reached at least $36.5 billion last year.

News in brief

PERU Police moved Joran van der Sloot to a cell at the prosecutor's office Thursday as officials prepared to file charges following what they called a remarkably complete confession in the beating and strangling death of a 21-year-old woman. "We've practically closed the case," criminal police chief Gen. Cesar Guardia told The Associated Press. Sheathed in a bullet-proof vest, the young Dutchman was driven less than a mile across central Lima during rush hour in a police convoy. Guardia said Van der Sloot, who also remains the lone suspect in the Natalee Holloway missing-teenager case, "confessed with a wealth of details that have been corroborated through criminal investigative rigour."

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Police chief recommends firing of officer in beating during arrest

Indianapolis' police chief has recommended that an officer be fired for repeatedly striking a 15-year-old boy during an arrest that some black community leaders say was racially motivated. Police Chief Paul Ciesielski said Thursday that Officer Jerry Piland "clearly crossed" a line during the May 16 arrest of Brandon Johnson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Refugees' fate hangs on vote: U.S. State Dept.

Official warns Myanmar must hold a fair national election

Myanmar refugees cannot be expected to return home if the upcoming election in the military-ruled country is not fair, a senior U.S. State Department official said Thursday.

Eric Schwartz said the junta's repression of political opponents and restrictions on the electoral process so far suggest Myanmar's election will lack international legitimacy.

That would mean little change in political conditions and would "not alter the need of Burmese who fear persecution to have access to protection outside of Burma," he said, referring to Myanmar by its former name.

The main opposition party, led by detained Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, is boycotting the polls because it believes the electoral laws are unfair and undemocratic. The party won Myanmar's last election in 1990, but the military junta never allowed it to take power. The junta plans elections this year but the exact date has not been disclosed.

Schwartz, who heads the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, spoke during a visit to Thailand looking into issues regarding asylum-seekers there from Myanmar and Laos.

140,000

About 140,000 Myanmar refugees live in camps along the countries' border.

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A Korean man watches news coverage of the apparent failure of the much anticipated liftoff of a rocket carrying a weather satellite Thursday at a Seoul train station.

S. Korean rocket appears to explode after liftoff

SATELLITE A South Korean rocket carrying a climate observation satellite apparently exploded 137 seconds into its flight early Thursday, the country's second major space setback in less than a year.

The two-stage Naro rocket operated normally during and after liftoff from the country's space centre, Minister of Education, Science and Technology Ahn Byong-man said.

But then communications with the rocket were lost after it reached an altitude of about 70 kilometres.

"We believe that the Naro rocket is likely to have exploded," he told reporters. "We are sorry for failing to live up to people's expectations."

An image from a camera aboard the Naro brightened like a flash of light, possibly evidence of an explosion, Ahn said.

He said South Korean and Russian experts were trying to find the cause of the mishap.

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Man nearly cut own arm off after being trapped for 3 days

CONNECTICUT A man trapped for at least three days with his arm stuck in his furnace cut his own arm nearly off because of a spreading infection.

Dr. Scott Ellner of St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center said Thursday that Jonathan Metz used his own tools to cut through his arm near the shoulder.

He said Metz likely saved his own life by stopping the spread of infection, but must have been in indescribable pain

Metz's arm became trapped as he was working on the furnace Sunday. He attempted the amputation Tuesday, but still couldn't free himself.

He was rescued Wednesday night after friends grew worried when he missed work, did not answer phone calls and failed to show up at a softball game.

Firefighters had to rip apart the furnace to get him out.

They said he was mumbling during the rescue and that firefighters couldn't determine exactly how long he had been trapped.

Ellner says Metz fashioned his own tourniquet and drank water from the furnace.

Metz was listed in stable condition Thursday in the surgical intensive care unit of a Hartford hospital.

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Why did the chicken cross Laurier Avenue?

UrbanCompass

I doubt I would be overjoyed by a chicken coop on the balcony right above mine, but it might be nice to have a supply of fresh eggs in the neighbourhood.

An organization called CLUCK Ottawa (that's Canadians Liberating Urban Chickens Klub) is lobbying for an amendment to bylaws to permit backyard chicken coops in the city.

The idea of raising urban chickens might initially seem a bit eccentric, but it's catching on. The City of Vancouver is in the process of passing a bylaw allowing residents to keep up to four chickens, and urban coops are already legal in Brampton, Guelph and Niagara Falls.

Many people who are serious about their food can see the attraction in a DIY source of cheap, healthy, local eggs, and city dwellers could probably benefit from a little more self-sufficiency in the food department.

Last year, the Heart and Stroke Foundation issued a report on the surprisingly large discrepancies in the cost of healthy foods in grocery stores across Canada, which could in some places put them out of the reach of the poor.

Their basket of heart-smart groceries cost $225.07 in Ottawa, the second-highest total in Ontario, beating out major urban areas and isolated northern towns. Only Dryden, at $240.70, offered a worse deal.

Cost aside, the health risks resulting in part from a food industry that sometimes seems to see its customers as the undiscriminating maw at the end of their conveyor belts appear endless. Whether it's the steady spread of obesity, occasional system breakdowns like listeriosis outbreaks, or recent reports from the World Society for the Protection of Animals about livestock arriving at Canadian slaughterhouses diseased or dead, we are given more reason to question just what we're putting in our mouths.

Still, there are caveats. The Ottawa Humane Society expresses concern about the welfare of the chickens themselves. If urban coops prove to be a fad, they're going to have to deal with abandoned chickens.

Some Ottawa residents worry about the noise and mess resulting from these chicken coops, and a thriving rat population feeding on them. These are entirely proper things to fret about. Of course, we'd need regulations. There are rules for everything in the city.

Properly handled, a little chicken isn't going to make the sky fall.

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Worth mentioning

Women bigger flirts than men: Survey

You're at a funeral. You spot someone hot. What do you do?

The heck with grieving. You strike up a conversation, said 55 per cent of women and 45 per cent of men in an online flirting survey. And some would go even further: More than one-third of the men and about one-fifth of the women would ask the hottie out — while still surrounded by mourners.

Although the survey didn't delve into favourite funeral pickup lines — "My, black becomes you" — it did reveal some surprising gender gaps: Women tend to flirt more than men, but men show more expertise and technical flair.

"I would have expected the women to beat the men in general flirting and in quality, but I guess I'm biased," said Ilona Jerabek, president of PsychTests AIM, a provider of psychological assessment products.

The Montreal-based company conducted the online flirting test just for fun, said Jerabek. The survey attracted 3,200 participants, 1,181 male and 2,019 female, ages 15 to 70.

To lure a member of the opposite sex, men's most tried-and-true technique is leaning in while talking. Women's saucy strategy is looking deep into a guy's eyes, according to the survey.

As for types, more women tend to be flitty flirts, simply having fun, anytime, anyplace, with anyone. More men are the singleminded attention-for-sex types, what the survey calls "carnal flirts."

They both turn on the sexual charm for practical gain. For instance: To get out of a ticket, 11 per cent of men would flirt shamelessly with a female police officer. Ditto for eight per cent of women with a male police officer.

When it comes to flirting, both sexes are far from honourable. Thirty-six per cent of men and 31 per cent of women said they'd intentionally set off sparks with someone at a bar just to make their girlfriend or boyfriend jealous.

To see the flirting questionnaire, visit testyourself.psychtests.com and click the tab for personality.

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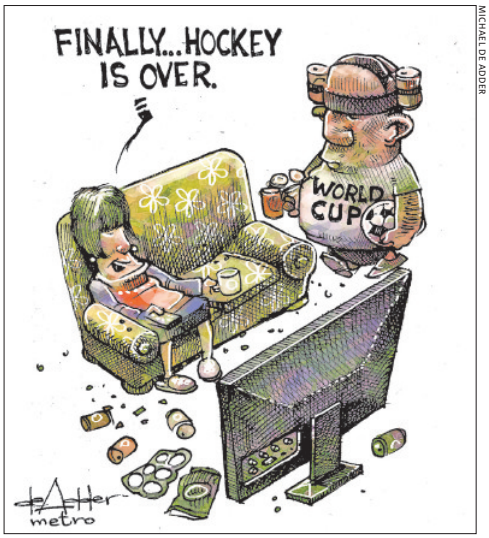

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Housing prices up
The New Housing Price Index rose 0.3 per cent in April following an identical increase in March. Statistics Canada reports St. John's, N.L., recorded the largest price increases between March and April (up 1.1 per cent), followed by Regina and Saskatoon (0.9). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Kris Sonnenberg, 38, left, sits with her eight-year-old son Mike, 17-year-old daughter Elise, and 12-year-old son Charlie in their backyard in Chicago. Kris is considered to be a member of Generation X and Elise is Generation Y. Mike and Charlie may end up being member of Generation Z, depending on how the youngest up-and-coming generation will be defined.

Now it's Gen Z?

Whatever they're called, they're savvy

They aren't even out of grade school. But already, people are trying to name the youngest up-and-coming generation, and figure out who they might be and how they might be different from their predecessors.

At a loss for something more original, many call them Generation Z, because they follow Generations X and Y.

They've also been referred to as Generation Net or "iGen," since they've never known a world without the Internet.

That's the one point most everyone can agree on — that they are the tech-savviest generation of all time, so much so that even toddlers can manoeuvre their way through YouTube and some first-graders are able to put together a PowerPoint presentation for class.

But beyond that, who are they, really?

Most people agree it's just too early to know for sure. But that hasn't stopped marketers from trying to figure out this young crowd of consumers.

Parents, too — many of them Gen Xers — are weighing in, saying they are raising a different brand of kid than baby boomers did.

"I would like to think that ideally, and this might be a bit naive, Gen Xers are a bit more freethinking and not necessarily as compelled to keep up with the Joneses," says Kris Sonnenberg, a teacher in Chicago and 38-year-old mother of three children, ages 8, 12 and 17.

Many parents also think the recession will play a role in shaping who their kids are, and perhaps make them less "entitled," a label that — fair or not — has been slapped frequently on Generation Y, also known as the "millennials."

Seven-year-old Ryan Cook's parents have noticed many of these traits in him.

Asked what a recession is, he's able to tell you that it has to do with the economy and the fact that his parents can't always buy him the things he wants, like video games.

He can tell you that U.S. President Barack Obama is the nation's first black president, but — as one whose elementary classroom in suburban Chicago is much more diverse than his parents' — that doesn't seem to faze him much.

"Well, the president is the president," he says nonchalantly. "They don't really change much, except for different speeches."

Like a lot of kids his age, he uses his dad's laptop by himself with ease. And though he doesn't have a cellphone, he wants one (partly because his 12-year-old brother has one).

That fits with the notion that, recession or no recession, this generation has a big expectation when it comes to technological gadgets, whether that be cellphones, laptops or the latest version of the iPod or other music players.

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Business in brief

AVIATION Air Canada says it has received a commitment from GE Japan Corp. for up to $170.5 million US in credit to help finance part of the purchase price for 16 aircraft currently leased and operated by the Canadian carrier. Air Canada said Thursday the loan will be available to finance up to $128.5 million US of the cost of buying eight Airbus A319 aircraft and four Boeing B767-300ER aircraft next year. In addition, another $42 million US can be used to help buy four Airbus A319 aircraft in 2012. GE Japan Corp. is a unit of General Electric, one of the world's largest industrial companies and a major financer of industrial equipment, aircraft and other goods.

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Debt crisis not over yet: Carney

ECONOMY While the European debt crisis has only had a "modest" impact on Canada, the crisis isn't over and all governments need to be on healthy fiscal paths, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said Thursday.

"So there's been a modest impact on financial conditions — a slight tightening of financial conditions in Canada — and a modest impact on commodity prices," Carney said at a news conference.

"But it's not over," he said, adding that it is "incredibly important" to execute the right policies to deal with the situation.

Mark Carney

The head of Canada's largely independent central bank has been providing similar advice to policymakers for months. His latest speech comes as Canada prepares to play host to G20 and G8 meetings from June 25 to 27, when the world's financial system will be among the main topics.

Carney said he's encouraged with the measures that European policymakers have taken so far "but I don't think anybody is of the view that more will not be required."

BMO Capital Markets senior economist Michael Gregory said Carney's remarks suggest the Bank of Canada has room to raise its key rates in July — following a quarter-point hike this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lululemon profits triple in Q1

APPAREL Lululemon Athletica Inc. zoomed past analyst expectations during the first quarter as the retailer's profits tripled to $19.6 million and revenue grew by nearly 70 per cent.

The Vancouver-based clothing retailer best known for its yoga fashions said Thursday that earnings were 27 cents per share, compared with $6.5 million or nine cents a year ago.

Analysts had expected earnings of 21 cents per share, according to Thomson Reuters.

Net revenues for the quarter ended May 2 rose to $138.3 million, up 69.3 per cent from $81.7 million and ahead of analyst predictions of $128.2 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cup final most watched NHL game since 1970s

NHL television ratings have bounced back from the post-lockout doldrums — and way beyond. The clincher of the Stanley Cup finals was the most-watched and highest-rated NHL game in 36 years. The Chicago Blackhawks' 4-3 overtime win drew a 4.7 rating and 8 share Wednesday night on NBC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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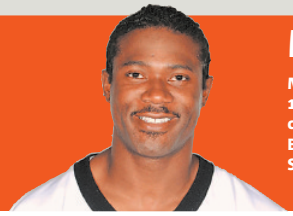

Muhammad retiring

Muhsin Muhammad, left, is retiring from the NFL after spending 11 of his 14 seasons with the Carolina Panthers. The 37-year-old receiver was Carolina's second-round pick in 1996 and made the Pro Bowl three years later. He later served as a complement to Steve Smith on Carolina's Super Bowl team in the 2003 season.

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Mission accomplished for Hawks

Young team reaches goal set way back in training camp

From the first day of training camp nine months ago, the Chicago Blackhawks felt the expectations. They were everywhere, generated by championship-hungry fans and by the players themselves.

"We want to win the Stanley Cup. I think that's what a lot of the guys are thinking," Patrick Kane said after that first practice on a steamy September day.

The Blackhawks, led by the 21-year-old Kane and their 22-year-old captain Jonathan Toews, made it happen.

Now they will parade with their teammates Friday through a city that is giddy because the Blackhawks have seized the Cup for the first time since 1961.

When Kane was taken with the first pick in the draft three years ago, it started the Blackhawks on their way to a remarkable rebirth. A year earlier they had chosen Toews in the first round and now they have become the faces of the franchise both on and off the ice.

At such a young age, they have won the Cup and done so in a short amount of time, accomplishing what some never do throughout their careers.

United Center, which four years ago was half-empty, now rocks and the Blackhawks are one of the hottest tickets in town, a re-emergence that can be attributed to the efforts of owner Rocky Wirtz and his president John McDonough, who was hired away from the Chicago Cubs.

Kane finally ended the championship drought — the longest active one in the NHL — with a game-winning goal in overtime against the Flyers.

What an end to a whirlwind year for both Kane and Toews, who signed lucrative contract extensions with the Blackhawks in December — five-year deals worth $31.5 million US each.

Kane had a difficult summer. In his hometown of Buffalo, he and his cousin were arrested following an altercation with a cab driver.

"It didn't start off very good back in August. But I think sometimes you go through those kind of things as a young kid," Kane said.

"You can really learn from them and try to better yourself as a person and as an athlete, too."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper called Toews Thursday to congratulate him on his "tremendous" victory, saying Toews "should enjoy the moment" and get some well-deserved rest over the summer.

Toews thanked for the prime minister for the call, saying it was "great to have the support of people like yourself" and all Canadians during the Olympics.

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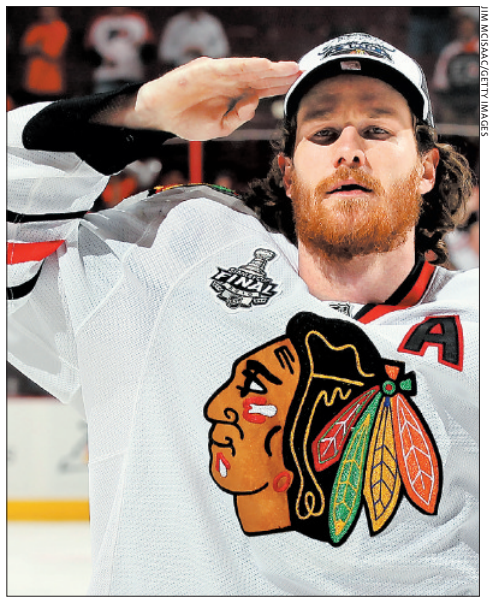

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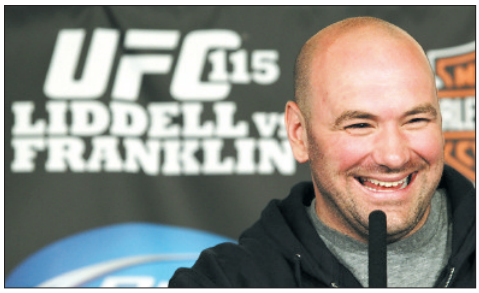
Chicago Blackhawk Duncan Keith salutes after the Blackhawks defeated the Philadelphia Flyers 4-3 in overtime Wednesday to win the Stanley Cup at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia.



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UFC president Dana White laughs Thursday during a press conference for UFC 115 in Vancouver. The event is set for Saturday.

UFC more exciting than hockey: White

Not noted for his shyness, Dana White didn't hesitate to make a brash prediction about what's in store for Vancouver fans at Saturday's UFC 115.

"It's the most exciting live sporting even you will ever see," the UFC president told a news conference Thursday. "Even more exciting than hockey."

More exciting than hockey? Those could be fighting words.

"We're already bigger than hockey," chuckled White, who showed up wearing an NHL Vancouver Canucks sweatshirt. "I made an even bolder prediction than that. I said it (UFC) would be even bigger than soccer.

"I think people here are going to love hockey and love the UFC. It's not like you have to chose one or the other. I think there are a lot of hockey fans who are MMA fans. It's never a competition."

The fight, at GM Place, will be UFC's first foray into Vancouver. White hopes to erase the stigma some people still have about mixed martial arts events.

"You can bring your kids," he said. "There is not going to be anything crazy happening." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sports in brief

NHL The Tampa Bay Lighting have confirmed the hiring of Guy Boucher as their new head coach. The former coach of the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs takes over the Lightning after turning down a job with the Columbus Blue Jackets earlier this week. His hiring is the first major move made by the new Lightning general manager Steve Yzerman.

NBA Tom Izzo is in Cleveland and may finally be ready to jump to the NBA. A person familiar with his travel plans told The Associated Press that the Michigan State coach arrived in Cleveland Thursday afternoon. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Cavs are not commenting on their coaching search.

NFL A contrite Ben Roethlisberger said he got caught up in being a caricature called Big Ben, not the grounded player and person he once was, leading to his off-field problems and affecting his play as the Steelers quarterback. In his first detailed interviews since a Georgia college student accused him of sexually assaulting her in a nightclub bathroom March 5, Roethlisberger told Pittsburgh TV stations KDKA and WTAE that he doesn't have an alcohol problem.

MLB Los Angeles Angels first baseman Kendry Morales will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery on his broken left leg. Morales had the operation Thursday and the Angels announced he would not play again this season. Morales broke his leg while leaping onto home plate during a celebration following his game-ending grand slam against Seattle May 29.

FOOTBALL The NCAA threw the book at storied Southern California Thursday with a two-year bowl ban, four years' probation, loss of scholarships and forfeits of an entire year's games for improper benefits to Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush dating to the Trojans' 2004 national championship.

LPGA Shanshan Feng made five early birdies and shot an 8-under 64 Thursday, taking a one-stroke lead over Juli Inkster and Na Yeon Choi after the first round of the State Farm LPGA Classic. Alena Sharp of Hamilton, Meena Lee, Anna Nordqvist, M.J. Hur and Song-Hee Kim were two shots back on a crowded leaderboard at Panther Creek Country Club. Seven other players were within three shots of the lead, including Cristie Kerr and Sophie Gustafson.

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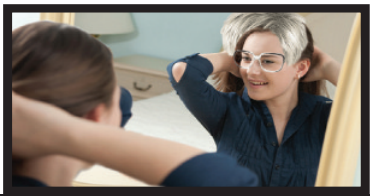

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“Making money is art and working is art and good business is the best art.”
– Andy Warhol

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ANDY WARHOL

His infamous statement “good business is the best art” lies at the heart of *Pop Life*. Renowned as one of the precursors of American Pop Art, he first shocked the art world in the 1960s with his mechanically reproduced paintings of consumer products, logos and celebrities. His later practice centered as much on public appearances, social climbing, shopping, and cruising as it did on making art objects. Taking the marketplace and publicity as his primary mediums, Warhol’s art from the 1970s until his death in 1987 revolved around a deliberate manipulation of his own self-image. In so doing, he thrust art out beyond the isolated realm of galleries and museums and made it acceptable for artists to participate fully in all the commerce and spectacle of modern life.

TAKASHI MURAKAMI

He is one of the most commercially potent artists of our day. His activities range from designing textiles for luxury brand Louis Vuitton, to running his own international corporation and product line, to curating group exhibitions. Adopting the Otaku aesthetic, and maintaining a radically egalitarian attitude towards all forms of visual expression, Murakami aims to break down conventional East/ West hierarchies and establish a new paradigm of contemporary Japanese art.

Keith Haring, *Pop Shop*, 1986. Keith Haring artwork. © Keith Haring Foundation. Photo: Charles Dolfi-Michels

KEITH HARING

In the early 1980s he tagged unsold ad marquees in the New York subways with thick, scrawling chalk drawings that varied between curving abstract patterns and rounded anthropomorphic forms. His work gained incredible popularity, and in 1986 Haring moved his underground fame into the mainstream, opening the Pop Shop on Lafayette Street to sell his own merchandise – everything from skateboards to watches to t-shirts bearing his signature style.

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JEFF KOONS

New York-based artist Jeff Koons has mastered the art of publicity, gaining notoriety not only for his work but for the way he has been able to exploit the networks in which it circulates. Infamous for his multi-part piece *Made in Heaven* that chronicled his marriage to, and ritual consummation with, Italian porn star and politician La Cicciolina, Koons makes no distinction between the content of his work and the media spectacle it inspires.

Takashi Murakami, *Superflat Museum: Convenience Store Edition* (detail), 2003. Planning and production of figures: Takashi Murakami, Kaiyodo Co., Ltd., and Kaikai Kiki Co., Ltd. Prototype modeling: Bome and Enoki Tomohide. Released by Takara Co., Ltd. Distributed by Dreams Come True Co., Ltd. © Takashi Murakami/ Kaikai Kiki Co., Ltd. All Rights Reserved

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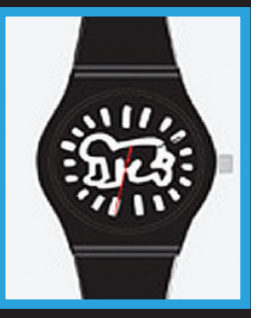

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Refs staying on top of obscenities
The Brazilian referee and his assistants who will work Saturday's England-United States match at the World Cup have been studying English-language obscenities the players might use. They want to ensure players can't get away with abuse. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Welcome the greatest show on Earth

The World Cup stands alone. There is no need to qualify the title of this tournament with FIFA, (the governing body of international soccer), or to identify what sport we're talking about in the first place.

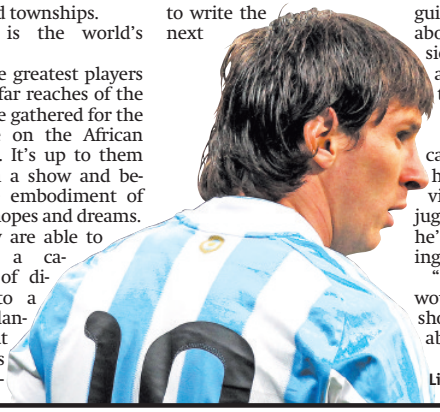
We all get it.

Having been to South Africa, I can assure you that regardless of circumstance, everyone plays. The rich and the poor, boys and girls, Zulu and Xhosa — they all chase the globe-like ball on lush green fields or in dusty streets that weave through the shanties of devastated townships.

Soccer is the world's game.

Now the greatest players from the far reaches of the Earth have gathered for the first time on the African continent. It's up to them to put on a show and become the embodiment of so many hopes and dreams. Only they are able to translate a cacophony of dialects into a common language that all of us can understand.

For a time, Wayne Rooney will be the lion of England, and Argentina will rely on the brilliance of Lionel Messi to write the next chapter in the history of that football-mad nation.


Lionel Messi

It's all about the players and how they reflect the fans.

As I watch our two distinguished analysts do "kick about" on the fancy television set that's been built at the CBC, I understand the World Cup is everything.

Jason de Vos, the former captain of Canada, took his team to a Gold Cup victory in 2000. He still juggles the ball deftly but he's feeling an overwhelming emotion.

"Envy," de Vos says. "I would love to be in their shoes. That's what it's all about — to pull on your country's jersey and compete at the World Cup. That's why I started playing as a seven-year-old. Unfortunately, I never got that chance."

"The world will be watching and in a multicultural country like Canada there are not one but 32 teams to mirror our fortunes."

But John Collins did. The smallish striker for Scotland scored against Brazil at the 1998 World Cup in France.

"You know you are representing your country," Collins says in a thick brogue.

"You know the whole nation is watching on television. Life comes to a standstill."

The world will be watching and in a multicultural country like Canada there are not one but 32 teams to mirror our fortunes.

The G20 summit can't come close to this.

The World Cup is, hands down, the greatest show on Earth.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Ronaldo gives Portugal jersey to Mandela
Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo and coach Carlos Queiroz met with Nelson Mandela ahead of the World Cup and gave him a jersey with the No. 91 on the back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA World Cup

Sports in brief

AUSTRALIA Australia pulled out of the race to host the 2018 World Cup Thursday and will instead focus on the 2022 tournament. The announcement by FIFA and the Football Federation Australia leaves the United States running against four European bids — Belgium-Netherlands, England, Russia and Spain-Portugal — for the 2018 tournament.

ITALY Italy midfielder Andrea Pirlo has had another test on his injured left calf and the results appear positive. Team physician Enrico Castellacci described the outcome of Thursday's MRI as "encouraging."

TICKETS World Cup ticket sales have hit 97 per cent and organizers are expecting to have sold more than 98 per cent of the more than three million tickets by the end of the tournament. FIFA released figures two days ahead of the opening World Cup match showing that 135,000 of the 3.01 million tickets available for purchase remained unsold.

PREDICTION Patrick Vieira, a World Cup winner with France in 1998, thinks an African team could lift the trophy this year. Vieira, who was born in Senegal, said Thursday that Ivory Coast and Cameroon were the most likely contenders to be Africa's first World Cup winners, as many of their players play at some of Europe's leading clubs.

ALGERIA Algeria coach Rabah Saadane has dropped captain Yazid Mansouri for the team's World Cup opener against Slovenia Sunday because his form is not good enough.

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Fans celebrate after the Australia Socceroos won the 2010 FIFA World Cup Pre-Tournament match against the New Zealand All Whites on May 24 in Melbourne.

Choosing a side? It's all in the name

MATTHEW ROMANADA
Metro Canada

There are 32 countries competing in the World Cup, but there are more than 250 countries in the world. That means millions of people will have to figure out another way to choose their team.

For many Canadians, it's easy to adopt another nation for the next 30 days because of our diverse heritage. Some may have parents that came from England, or immigrated from Nigeria, while others will root for Argentina because of the brilliant Lionel Messi. For those of us still undecided, why not look to the team's nicknames for inspiration?

The nicknames for all the World Cup participants can be split into four groups: Colours; animals; historical/national roots; and boring. The latter category will be ignored for obvious reasons.

Colours

Most of the colour-based nicknames are pretty lame, but a few stand out. The top of the crop in this category are Mexico (El Tri — the three-coloured), Netherlands (Oranje) and Italy (Azzurri — azure blue). The worst, for politically correct reasons, has to be New Zealand (All Whites).

Historical/National Roots:

There's a real mixed bag here. Japan (Samurai Blue) and South Korea (Taeguk Warriors) represent Asia well. The U.S., which goes by either The Yanks or The Stars and Stripes, disappoints with a lack of creativity. Denmark (Olsen's Eleven) and Honduras (Los Catrachos) are worthy of further investigation.

Animals:

This is where the good stuff is and the host continent Africa really shines. Algeria (Desert Foxes), Cote d'Ivoire (Elephants), Nigeria (Super Eagles) are all solid contenders, but Cameroon (Indomitable Lions) stands out. A match between it and England (The Three Lions) would be fun. The other interesting teams in this category are Australia (Socceroos) and Serbia (White Eagles).

I'm going to go with Spain (La Furia Roja — The Red Fury), which just rolls off the tongue. Plus my last name is Spanish — even if I'm only ⅛ Spanish myself — and it never hurts to back a contender.

In case you are wondering, Canada's most used nickname is Les Rouges (The Reds).

Perhaps if we came up with a better nickname we could inspire our troops to qualify for the next World Cup.

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Toys back in the game

Threequel keeps the standards high, Pixar mascot reveals

NED EHRBAR
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Woody, right, and Buzz Lightyear, centre, come out to play with Lots-o'-Huggin' Bear in Pixar's Toy Story 3.

Over the past 15 years, Pixar has produced 11 films, starting with 1995's Toy Story. And John Ratzenberger has lent his voice for all of them.

The aptly dubbed Pixar mascot, Ratzenberger is back for Toy Story 3, reprising his role as Hamm the Piggy Bank.

"For me it's proof that God exists," Ratzenberger tells Metro about his tenure with the animation studio. "Because it's beyond my thinking of how this happened."

While the folks at Pixar are obviously fans of Ratzenberger, the actor insists the feeling is mutual. "The reason that Pixar is so good is because the standard started out extremely high and it stayed there," he explains.

Toy Story 3 opens next week

"They didn't get lazy or get full of themselves or say, 'Let's just kick this one out because we can.' They put the same amount of energy and craft into every one of their films. So they keep the standard high, and that's why it's so wonderful working with them."

Still most recognizable for his work as postal worker and barfly Cliff Clavin on Cheers, Ratzenberger has kept busy beyond his Pixar work since the sitcom ended in 1993. A lot of that work, it turns out, has been for various charities and foundations.

"I'm not much for sitting around watching sports on the weekend, watching TV," he explains. "But if I see something that needs fixing, I like to see what I can do to help out. It goes back to, you know, if someone's barn burned down, the neighbours got together and helped rebuild it. I'm just one of those neighbours who shows up with the hammers and nails."

Over the past few years, Ratzenberger has become just as well known for his political outspokenness, even going so far as to suggest he'd run for Senate in his home state of Connecticut in 2012. While he claims those plans are currently on hold — "There's too much on my plate," he says — that doesn't mean he doesn't have a thing or two to say about the state of government.

"Whether it's Republican or Democrat, we're running out of people with common sense because everybody was told they needed to go to college and nobody ever got a real job," he says.

Micmacs pure bliss

Micmacs

Director: Jean-Pierre Jeunet
Stars: Danny Boon, Julie Ferrier
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Amelie director returns with the oddball Micmacs.

In 1979 a soldier is blown up on a sand dune by a landmine. He leaves behind a son who grows up to be a movie obsessive working at a video store. One day a bizarre drive-by shooting leaves him with a bullet permanently lodged in his head.

He soon realizes that the weapon manufacturers that produced the mine and the bullet are located across the street from each other and plots his revenge.

That set up doesn't suggest the movie is a whimsical French comedy, but in the mind of the ingenious director Jean-Pierre Jeunet this leads to a story in which that man befriends a surreal group of garbage-dump-dwelling eccentrics who help him take down the arms dealers.

The team includes a human cannonball, a borderline autistic math genius, and an old man who can make art and complicated devices out of salvaged trash.

Micmacs feels like a loveletter to movies from director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, combining the pitch black humour and dark subject matter of his early work like Delicatessen with the lighthearted romantic whimsy he employed in Amelie.

Jeunet started out as a cartoonist and Micmacs feels like a live-action cartoon, filled with expressive cinematography and stylized art direction that bares favourable comparison to the works of Tim Burton or Terry Gilliam.

The movie won't be for everyone as the mix of dark subject matter and slapstick comedy will inevitably annoy as much as it enthralls.

But those in tune with Jeunet's unique sensibility will find countless reasons to rewatch the film endlessly.

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More like the B-Team

The **A-Team**
Director: Joe Carnahan
Stars: Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Jessica Biel
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Bradley Cooper, left, and Liam Neeson star in The A-Team.

As catchphrases go, "I love it when a plan comes together" is a particular 1980s standout.

But fans of the TV series The A-Team might find the new big-screen adaptation a little frustrating. While Hannibal (Liam Neeson, stepping into George Peppard's humidor) talks incessantly about plans and the importance of having them and executing them, he never actually utters the famous line.

And it's not like he doesn't have the opportunity, as this action movie has an overabundance of talk. It's too much plan, and not enough coming together. Or as Mr. T would say, "Quit your jibber jabber!"

Along with Neeson's Hannibal, the A-Team gets a decent upgrade with its casting. The 21st century versions of Face (Bradley Cooper), Murdoch (Sharlto Copley) and B.A. Baracus (Quinton "Rampage" Jackson) work well, with Jackson the weakest link — and somehow not very threatening, considering his Ultimate Fighting Championship background. Copley, though, is a standout, diving into the craziness of Murdoch with vigour.

As is fitting with a big, loud summer movie, the action sequences are spectacular, including a truck heist on the streets of Baghdad and a massive stunt involving a tank, a parachute and the fast-approaching ground.

These set-pieces are where the film really comes alive. It's just that there's too much talking between them. And a lot of that talk is recapping plot points or flashing back to earlier scenes, a sign the filmmakers don't trust their audience to keep up.

• For a trailer of The A-Team, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Karate class grads

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Producers of this weekend's 1980s reboot, The Karate Kid with Jaden Smith, must be hoping for a little of the Ralph Macchio "wax on" magic to rub off on their film. The original movie, a 1984 crowd pleaser that made Macchio an underdog icon, grossed $90.8 million and spawned three sequels, all of which made money until the last one, sans Macchio, made only a tenth of the first.

The original series made Macchio and Pat Morita superstars but what happened to them and their Karate Kid alumni once the final tournament was over?

Macchio's years as a box office draw extended past Karate Kid III, but just barely. After parts in Crossroads and My Cousin Vinny he couldn't make the transition into adult roles. Luckily he avoided the post fame pitfalls of other '80s kid actors like the Coreys but despite steady gigs in low budget film and episodic television he hasn't been able to shake the spectre of his most famous character.

Macchio's replacement in the franchise fared slightly better — like two Oscars better. In an attempt to inject some new blood into the series, the twenty-year-old Hilary Swank beat out hundreds of other girls to don Macchio's gi in The Next Karate Kid.

It was a flop critically — "The franchise is still kicking, but not very high," wrote Variety — and commercially but only slowed her career momentum momentarily. By 1996 she was working regularly and by 1999 it was Oscar time.

The only actor to appear in all four of the original movies was Pat Morita, who became the first American-born Asian actor nominated for an Oscar for his performance as sensei Miyagi in the first film.

Producer Jerry Weintraub initially rejected Morita, claiming he was too well known as Arnold on Happy Days.

Determined to win the role Morita grew a beard, mimicked his Uncle's Japanese accent and screen tested. "When Jerry saw it, he said, 'That's what I want — a goddamn actor,' not realizing it was Pat," said the late actor's wife Evelyn.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.